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Sir:

Upon receipt of the Office Action of September 2, 2003, the undersigned contacted the inventor Jeffrey E. Devall and requested that he review his invention file for the above-identified application and to supply the undersigned with evidence of conception of the invention prior to the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date of February 16, 2001 for the De Capua et al. Patent Publication No. 2002/01112757. Attached is a drawing showing the structure illustrated in the Fig. 14 drawing of De Capua et al. which drawing has a February 8, 1901 date (authenticated to me by Mr. Devall) and which date antedates the 2(e) date of De Capua et al.

Dated

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